

# 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Program

21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Reviewer Scoring Report – Cohort 10



<b>Applicant Name:</b>	<b>Communities in Schools of East Chicago Inc.</b>
<b>Proposal Ranking:</b>	40
<b>Average Score</b>	104.2 / 125

## Proposal Strengths:

- Application has taken into consideration gaps and needs of students in the East Chicago and Gary area and plans to expand and enhance current program offerings. Application demonstrates attention to detail and experience in after school program delivery. 'Advisory Committee' was used to determine needs and focus areas and these are apparent throughout the application.
- The program was well thought out, the partners have a history of working together in the community and seem like a great fit. The program fills a need in the community a there clearly is a demonstrated need for academic support. The application was well organized and expertly written - it was a pleasure to review. Overall, this is a really strong application with a few holes.
- The proposal is strong and will impact the needs of students and families throughout the community.

## Proposal Weaknesses:

- The application lacks clarity in HOW this program will achieve SEL and Parent Engagement goals. There is a need for increased focus on SEL and the application demonstrates an understanding of and a passion for meeting this need. However, it will take targeted professional development and the infusion of engaging program components to effectively infuse SEL into the program. Other areas for concern included a confusing relationship with Boys & Girls Clubs of NWI and a lack of information about the 21st CCLC Summer Academy portion of the program.
- The budget didn't follow the prompts specified in the template, they didn't indicate which evidenced-based curricula they are planning on using for their SEL or any other aspects of the program, just that they will use them. The communications plan did not specifically address how they will obtain access to academic records and I think that is especially important given that you will be working with 3 different school entities.

## Top Areas Where Points Were Lost:

- Need for Project
- Program Design
- Professional Development
- Budget
- Program Implementation